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Fowler to receive sea

By Jeffrey Nichols **NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler will receive his second star as he is promoted to rear admiral upper half in a ceremony today at the Mid-South Conference Center.

Rear Adm. David Gove, commander of the Navy Personnel Command, is the

with the Recruiting Service Ribbon.

Fowler, the son of Clem and Arlys Fowler of Bismarck, N.D., and a 1974 graduate of Bismarck High School, is currently serving as commander of the Navy Recruiting Command.

As the Navy's chief recruiter, he led a team of 6.713 recruiters and civilian personnel throughout the nation. This team takes great pride in having met their

guest speaker and will also present Fowler aggregate active enlisted mission, or goals, for the past 57 months.

A 1978 Naval Academy graduate and career submarine officer. Fowler holds numerous awards including the Defense Superior Service Award.

He has extensive service in both fleet ballistic missile and attack boats, including command of the Los Angeles-class nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Charlotte (SSN-766).



Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler

Sounds of Sinise and Lt. Dan Band at NSA



Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform at NSA Mid-South tomorrow at 7 p.m. Currently starring in the hit CBS series CSI: New York, Sinise also is known to troops as Lt. Dan in *Forrest Gump*.

The concert will take place on the old parade grounds between the Navy Exchange and the Chapel. The free concert will be open to base residents, retirees, anyone with regular access to the south side of the base, and their invited guests. Attendees are welcome to bring blankets or lawn chairs. Coolers are discouraged, as MWR will be providing vendors for the event.

The stage will be situated on Tennessee Street, which is the street that begins adjacent to the Navy Inn and runs north-south by the Chapel. This section of road will be closed today through Saturday.

Parking will be available in the lot on the Chapel side of the Exchange, and in the lot adjacent the Navy Inn, across from Craftech.

Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will perform onboard NSA Mid-South tomorrow night at 7 p.m. (Photo by John Zenner)

Veterans possible victims of identity theft

By ART FRITH **NSA Mid-South Public Affairs**

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The Veterans Administration revealed late last month that personal information on more than 26-millions military veterans had been stolen, which puts each one of them at risk for identity theft.

A number of members of Congress have voiced their concern over the possibly compromised data that could be used by identity thieves to obtain sensitive personal information, including private credit information.

U.S. Representative John Tanner, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and

Tennessee Army National Guard who repr e s e n t sTennessee's Eighth Congressional District, which includes NSA Mid-South, wrote a letter asking the B u s Administration

to explain just

how personal

information on

Tanner said in part, "I can assure you that members of Congress are determined to prevent this unfortunate situation from repeating itself."

Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson made public the data theft nearly two weeks after it occurred. Department of Veterans Affairs officials have said the stolen information is limited to an individual's name, date of birth, and Social Security number. In some cases, spouse information or disability ratings were included. They recommend that all veterans be extra vigilant in looking out for potential identity theft or misuse of their personal information.

VA officials said the stolen data did

not include any of VA's electronic health records, or any financial information. The employee, whose home was burglarized and the data was stolen, has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation. Law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and the VA Inspector General's office, have launched full-scale investigations into this matter. Authorities believe it is unlikely the perpetrators targeted the items because of any knowledge of the data contents on the stolen laptop. It's believed that the thieves are unaware of the information that they now possess, or of how to make use of it. To help keep it that way, the VA is taking all possible

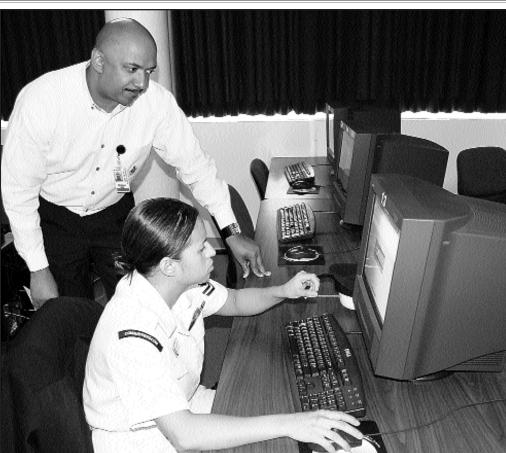
steps to protect and inform our veter-

The Department of Veterans Affairs is working with the President's Identity Theft Task Force, the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission investigate this data breach and to develop safeguards against similar incidents. All

millions of veterans was stolen. employees have been directed to complete the "VA Cyber Security Awareness Training Course" and complete the separate "General Employee Privacy Awareness Course" by the end of the month.

> At this time, the VA does not believe it is necessary to contact financial institutions or cancel credit cards and bank accounts, unless you detect suspicious activity. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) suggests all veterans keep close tabs on financial records, including bank and credit card statements, and note any unusual activity.

> To find the latest, up-to-date information about the stolen ID data, call 1-800-333-4636 or go on-line @ www.firstgov.gov.



Jon Clark, Southwest Tennessee Community College testing administrator, atches as PS2 **Melisa Stokesberry** logs on to one of the computers available here at the Navy College. Stokesberry is among the increasing number of sailors enrolling in distance-learning education programs to earn a college degree. (Photo by Art Frith)

Sailors testing their way to college degrees

By Jon Gagne **NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

According to the Defense Activity for Non-

Traditional Education Support (DANTES) and the Navy College Program (NCP), sailors are enrolling in distance-learning education programs in record numbers and reaping the rewards in the form of college degrees. In fiscal year 2005 (FY-05), 61,700 Navy per-

sonnel enrolled in more than 168,000 undergraduate college courses and just over 13.000 graduate courses. This 6 percent increase in enrollments over FY-04 continues an upward trend in recent years as sailors rely on distance learning to complete secondary education programs. "What we're witnessing is that sailors are getting serious about secondary education," said ETCS (SW) William McKeithen, voluntary education program director for the Naval Educational and Training Command. "They see this opportunity as personal and career enhancing, and they're meeting the Navy's professional military education task of earning a rating-relevant degree to increase their chances for promotion and job placement. A college education at the expense of the Navy is not only possible, but plausible, and it's happening every day."

McKeithen credits the continued rise in enroll-

ment figures to the Navy's aggressive approach to distance learning through its distance-learning partnership program with colleges and universities throughout the United States, and tuition assistance (TA), which pays 100 percent of tuition and fees charged by educational institutions for course enrollments. TA is capped at \$250 per semester hour, with a fiscal year credit limit of 12 semester hours per individual. In FY-05, the Navy funded more than \$83 million in TA funding to help sailors reach their educational goals, whether assigned ashore or at sea.

Aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), which is presently deployed with Carrier Air Wing 14 in the Persian Gulf, more than 2,800 sailors have registered to take instructor-led or distance education courses since the ship left its homeport of San Diego in January. According to the ship's educational services officer, Lt. Bill Kuzma, "Ronald Reagan University" is a perfect role model for the Navy College Program Afloat College Education (NCPACE) program.

"I'm just amazed at the level of participation we have from our sailors in NCPACE," Kuzma said. "We've had 2,804 sailors sign up for NCPACE instructor-led courses or distance education courses since the beginning of our deploy-

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Commanding Officer Capt. Matt Straughan

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COMMENTARY

CEREVIONIES TAKE PLANNING

When was the last time you either attended or participated in a ceremony that went off perfectly, from the invocation to the benediction? Hopefully, you recall a recent event.

Ceremonies take planning no matter how large or small they are. If you are placed in charge of coordinating a ceremony, you need to take the necessary time to ensure the plan works and every detail is covered.

Every ceremony needs to be conducted mindful of the audience, the crew and the person or persons being recognized. As a coordinator, you need to ask some of the most basic ques-

- * What's the purpose of the ceremony?
- * Who is attending?
- * What is the best location?
- * What kind of support do you need from others?
- * Do you have all the necessary logistics, including stage,
- microphones, flags, tables, etc.? * Do you have a photogra-

These are just a few of the questions you need to answer in the planning stage. Once you develop the answers, it is often wise to write and publish a 5060 notice that not only details what needs to be done, but who is responsible for doing it.

Ceremonies are hallmark events. For the person or persons being recognized, a ceremony is a formal way to mark significant achievements in their careers. If a detail is left out, or the ceremony is conducted in a less-thanprofessional manner, everyone in attendance leaves with a feeling that the person or persons being recognized weren't really worth the effort of orchestrating the ceremony correctly.

Small ceremonies, like reenlistments, are often simple to plan. However, larger ceremonies like commissionings and changes of command require

if the ceremonies will be open to the public.

Here's a quick tip: If you are selected to plan a ceremony that



BY FLTCW(AW/SW) JON R. THOMPSON

will be open to the public, you might want to check with a senior journalist or public affairs officer. In any case, you should always try to consult previous plans to ensure yours addresses all aspects of the ceremony.

Getting back to the first question you should ask, 'what's the purpose of the ceremony?' — I think it's important to give that question some serious thought. The purpose is not to have a ceremony. I think many people get caught up in the logistics planning and are easily distracted from the reason a ceremony is

being planned in the first place. Here's what you should ask yourself: "If this ceremony was for me and my family, what would I want the ceremony to be like?" In every case, your answer should have something to do with a ceremony filled with tradition, professionalism and

Why focus? I've attended quite a few ceremonies that included things that distracted from the overall ceremony. Too many guest speakers, too many citations, too many demonstrations - there should be a limit. The audience should be treated to a ceremony that is concise, yet fully illustrates the accomplish-

ments of the person or persons being recognized. Any organized ceremony should be less than 60 minutes long - no excep-

Another quick tip: If you are going to include something special in the ceremony, like the "passing the flag" evolution, you need to practice and do it right. I've seen that particular display at many ceremonies and I've cringed as almost every element was unplanned and executed in a sloppy manner. That evolution is not easy. Do the necessary research to find out how to execute the evolution smartly, and then practice it enough so the participants fully appreciate the seriousness and flow.

Finally, I'd like to offer that an emcee could make or break a ceremony. Just because someone is senior does NOT mean he or she is a fitting emcee. The emcee maintains the flow of a ceremony and must be well spoken, have a sense of timing, and be flexible enough to recover from a mistake without the audience becoming aware of a change in the script.

Shipmates, the character of a ceremony must be consistent with the tone of the times and must not lose sight of the person or persons being honored. Remember, we are a nation at war and our service is vitally important to our country. Do your best to incorporate that patriotic service through the ceremony and your audiences will not only appreciate the efforts of the person or persons being recognized, but also appreciate the service of every Sailor in the Navy.

Coordinating a ceremony is a big deal. It's not a quick task you do on the fly. Take the time to get it right. Take the time to manage all the details and take the time to carefully plan ... and then keep your notes and lessons learned so you can help others

COURTESY OF THE NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

In this installment, we'll take an alphabetic spin through some of the ways our shipmates either failed to finish an apparently simple job, or were torpedoed by an unusual hazard.

Adjusting forklift tines; bending over to pick up something off the deck in the barracks; climbing up and down Mount Fuji as a tour guide; doing side-straddle hops during morning PT; Exiting a fire truck to investigate a fire alarm; fleeting police through a lava field; getting up from a picnic table in front of a barracks; hustling down the bleachers at a race track; In a hurry, eating lunch and taking larger bites than normal; Jousting (Yes, that's what the report said) at a command picnic; kelp harvesting with a three-inch knife; losing temper while listening to sports scores on a car radio; mangroves...cutting them and pulling them over to a chipper; napping in the fire station bunk room; Opening a can of ham; pouring a cup of coffee; quickly trying to catch a dropped bowl of pancake batter; removing a bungee cord that was securing an office door to a bulkhead; sumo wrestling on the flight deck; tearing a sheet of alu-

minum foil off a roll; throwing a broken toilet into a dumpster; using a nail gun; vacuuming a carpet; walking under a short tree...the service member is tall, according to the report; waiting for popcorn to finish popping (electric shock); yanking nails out of plywood and not looking where he was step-

Okay, okay. There wasn't an "X" after all, or a "Z" for that matter. Nobody poked himself in the eye while xylophoning, and nobody got thrown off while riding a zebra. But we gave you a pair of "T's" and two "W's". So, you weren't shortchanged. We did leave some things to your imagi nation, as the details of the exotic events weren' spelled out. Your task is to envision what could have gone wrong when someone was huffing and puffing up Fujiyama or hurrying to place a bet on the fifth race at Pimlico. Use your imagination and don't rule out surprises.

Just to get you started is the guy who was napping in the fire station and didn't topple out of his chair. A spider bit him. The ersatz sumo wrestler broke his toe by stubbing it on the non-skid. Got the idea? Then go to work and we'll see you next

Calendar of Events

Single sailors, listen up - FFSC is focusing on programs that benefit single sailors for the month of June. Call the FFSC at 874-5075 to determine what programs are available to you.

Need Tips on Raising Teens? - The Fleet & Family Support Center presents "Active Parenting for Teens" beginning Mon., June 12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the third floor of Bldg. S-456. For more information, call 874-5075. Fore kids - The 2006 Junior Golf Camp will be held at the Glen Eagle Golf Course June 20-22 & June 27-29. The camp is both weeks. Cost is \$50. Call the Golf Proshop @ 874-5168 for more information and to reg-

Learn to be a pro at raising your pre-teen child. Attend the FFSC "Parenting Enrichment Class" beginning June 12 from 2-4 p.m. Call Linda Busby @ 874-5075 for more information.

Join the DEFY team this summer. Staff volunteers are needed for Summer Leadership Camp July 14-18. The camp focus is on substance abuse prevention, gang resistance, physical fitness, citizenship, conflict resolution, and self-esteem development. Call RP2 (FMF) Garrett @ 336-6765 for more information.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers assistance if a personal emergency occurs. This organization exists to help Sailors, Marines and their families in need. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday through Thursday 9 am to 1 pm. If help is needed, please call NMCRS to schedule an appointment @ 874-7350. The NMCRS Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of

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Legally speaking

By BONNIE CONLON NAVY LEGAL SERVICE OFFICE CENTRAL

Preparing for a hurricane claim

It's almost June. Those two familiar words, "hurricane season," are right around the corner. You think you are well prepared. You've done your homework, gone over your checklist and have all of the supplies you and your family will need: batteries, flashlights, canned food, ice, propane tanks for cooking, and important documents are in place. But what if you need to file a damage claim?

If the incident occurred on a military installation (e.g. base housing, barracks, in your office on base) and you work for the government, either active duty or civil service, you may be entitled to file a claim for loss and/or damage to your personal property, under the Personnel Claims Act. If you have insurance, you must file with your insurance company first. Also, keep in mind the statute of limitations for filing with the government is two years from the date of the incident.

It is important to note that there are several things you can do before the hurricane, in case you need to file a personnel claim with the government or with your insurance company:

- Take pictures of your property before and after the storm. Make sure you take the "before" pictures with you if you evacuate.
 - Get appraisals for antiques.
- If your house/room/office floods, pick up items off of the floor, such as electronics, books,

clothes, etc., before the storm hits to mitigate the extent of the damage.

- For high-value items, you will be required to provide proof of ownership as well as proof of value. You can do this with the purchase receipt, credit card statements, and in some cases, a photograph that clearly shows the make and model of

- Take highly pilferable items with you when you evacuate, such as jewelry, cell phones, digital cameras, laptop computers, etc.

If you file a claim for loss/damage to your privately-owned vehicle (POV) on a military installation, you will need to provide a copy of your registration (make a copy before the storm if you keep yours in your POV) or title, a copy of your current insurance declaration page that shows your policy limits, a repair estimate or documentation showing your POV is a total loss, photographs of your POV before and after the storm (make sure the photographs show any non-factory installed equipment), and proof of value of the non-factory installed

All personnel claims are now processed through the Personnel Claims Unit in Norfolk, rather than locally. Mail your claim to: Personnel Claims Unit Norfolk, 9053 First Street Site 102, Norfolk, VA 23511-3605. The PCU can be reached by phone at (888) 897-8217 if you have any questions.

Chaplain's Corner

Marriage Counseling 101

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

"I love her, but I'm not in love with her." I them, and treated them like they were special. hear that so many times when someone comes in to my office for marriage counseling.

My response is to ask the person, "What is

how they used to have deep-seated feelings for the person. They will tell me that those feelings now are gone. That leads me to ask them another question: "How did you lose those feelings of love?"

Invariably, they will tell me how their mate has hurt them. Perhaps their wife or husband had an affair. More often, their love grew cold over the years as they took each other for granted. This led to feelings of bitterness and resentment, which began to push them apart.

The good news is, the feelings of love can return! "How?" you ask. I'm glad you asked!

Think about how you "fell in love" with your mate in the first place. You probably courted them, spent time (and money) with

Try treating them like that again! You see, your actions will influence the way you think and

Your actions can change your feelings. If Their response normally is to pause for a you treat someone with respect, dignity and ninute, give it some thought, and talk about honor, you will begin to feel good about that person, and they will treat you better! It's a

> So, to answer the question I asked at the beginning, "What is love?" — "Love is patient and kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13).

> How can you have this kind of love? "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger... (Instead) be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other..." (Ephesians 4). Try it! It really works!

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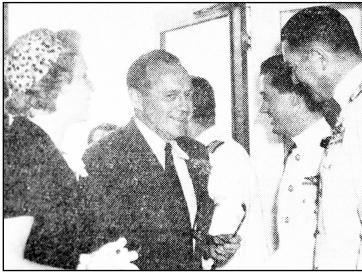
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By ART FRITH

55-years ago: 1951 - The music of Ray Anthony and his orchestra was featured on "Meet the Band" from 8:30-9 p.m. on 710-AM WTRI, NAS Memphis' own radio station; 52 kindergarten students were graduated during ceremonies at the Navy Nursery. Dressed in traditional caps and gowns, the graduates received their diplomas from Rear Adm. William D. Johnson, chief, Naval Air Technical Training Command (NATTC); A giant C-97 cargo plane, weighing 120-thousand pounds, hit a soft spot and sank 18-inches into the NAS Memphis runway. It took a pair of 25-ton jacks to free the stranded Air Force plane; Word was circulating that there was a possibility of a July ground breaking on the 540-unit enlisted men's housing project (known as Fairway

Detachment to conduct the annual UPI Broadcasters Association conference; The Tradesman (TD) "A" School clinched the Mon-Wed Noon League pennant with a record of 13-wins and no losses. The TDs now have their sights on the station's softball championship title; Ground breaking ceremonies were held for the 3.8million dollar Capehart housing project, which will provide quarters for 250 Navy Memphis families; The largest ship afloat, USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63), joined the Fleet. The largest in the line of Forrestal-class carriers, Kitty Hawk will carry powerful A3-D Skywarrior bombers and A7 Crusaders.

35-years ago: 1971 - Sgt. Gomer Mar De-Bexar, mascot of the Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, died after an allergic reaction to what may



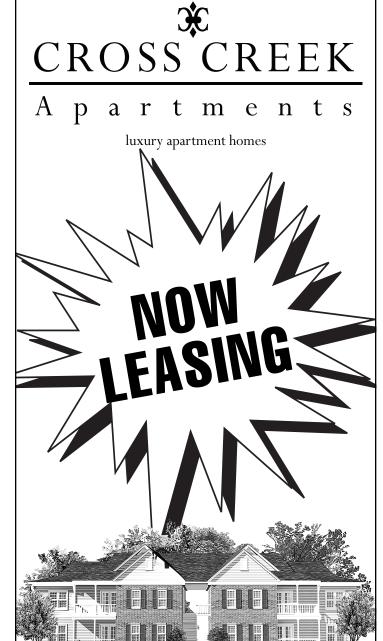
Comedian Jack Benny "mugs" the camera as he is greeted at the Officers' Club By Rear Adm. William D. Johnson, CNATechTra. Standing with Johnson is his aide, Lt. William C. Cunningham. On Benny's right is Hollywood actress Constance Moore.

chief of naval operations approves plans for a new Senior

master chief petty officers, with the pilot class to convene in the fall.

15-years ago: 1991 - The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) releases the names of 35 military installations that are being studied. The list includes five strategic home ports, as well as the Great Lakes and San Diego naval training centers; 23years after he was critically wounded by mortar fire, while serving with the Marines near the DMZ in Vietnam, former Pfc. Willie Conyers Jr. received the Purple Heart in ceremonies here at the Marine Aircraft Group 42, Detachment B.

5-years ago: 2001 - Capt. Wanda L. Riddle assumed command of NSA Mid-South from Capt. Diane H. Lofink.



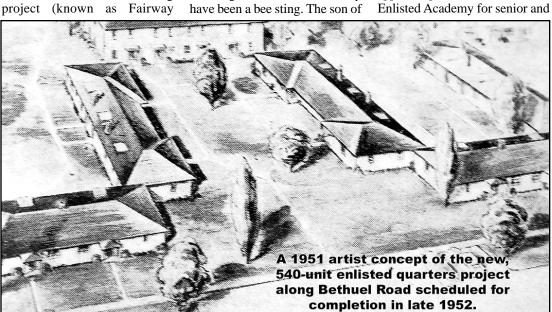
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45-years ago: 1961 - Rear Adm. Joseph C. Clifton took over as chief NATTC. He previously served as the commanding officer, NAS Memphis from 1954-1956; Representatives from 11 Mid-South radio and television stations met at the Marine Air Reserve Training

the previous mascot, the English bulldog would have been fouryears old in August; chief of naval operations, Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, issues a "Z-Gram," paving the way for a new uniform for male enlisted personnel E-1 to E-6. The officer/CPOstyle coat, trousers, shirt, tie, and cover replace the traditional "crackerjack" bell-bottom trousers, jumper and white hat. 25-years ago: 1981 - The

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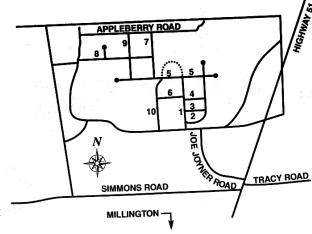
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NPC award winners



Above: Anthony Toney Williams is Navy Personnel Command's Senior Civilian of the Year. Williams is a budget analyst, certified defense financial manager and certified fraud examiner, and works with PCS and temporary duty funds budgets. Williams has 18 years in government service. (Photo by JO3 Chris Hwang)



Above: Tammy G. Starnes, a 28-year federal service veteran, is NPC's Mid-Grade Civilian of the Year. She is a human resources assistant for the Business Operations/Comptroller Department. A resident of Munford, she also played a vital role in the data validation effort associated with Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, and led to the development of the Navy's first automated muster tool. (Photo by JO3 Chris



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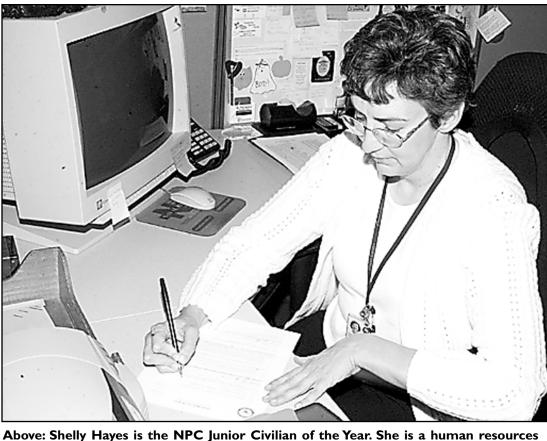
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ment, and credit-by-examination has been very popular. We expect to conduct about 400 College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) exams before the cruise is over and about 75 ACT exams. We're going to continue testing every Sunday so that everyone who requests to take exams has an opportunity to do so." Like a number of young sailors today, McKeithen enlisted in the Navy with plans to obtain a college degree at some point during his career. Now, 20 years later, he passes that advice along to junior personnel.

"As a junior sailor, I discovered the Navy would pay for CLEP and DANTES subject exams," McKeithen said, "so I took several opportunities to

ing the exams. Once I passed all of them, I submitted my transcripts to a local college and was awarded college credit. By the time I had completed my first tour of duty, I was already into the continuous learning mode, so I stuck with it. Overall, my credits provided about half of the credits I needed for my associate's degree." McKeithen has since added a bachelor of sciand graduate certificates in leadership, manageand human resources to his portfolio, and he admits he is quick to point out the benefits of secondary education. "I've stressed throughout my career the positive benefits sailors receive by

refresh myself on courses I on a subject and then take knew fairly well and then an exam for college credfollowed through by tak- it," he said. "As professional sailors, we have demanding schedules, and taking advantage of the programs that help us reach our desired goal is a no-brainer."

CTT1 William Cockrell, a shipboard operations instructor for the Navy's CTT 'A' school CLEP and DANTES exam in Pensacola, has followed much the same path in obtaining his college degree. Cockrell points to TA, credit-by-examination and distance learning as ence degree in chemistry his motivating factors. "Credit-by-examination helped speed up the process of earning my degrees through Excelsion College," Cockrell said. "Distance Learning allowed me to complete my degrees while working for the Navy full time. I've taken and passed 20 credusing their local Navy it-by-examinations that College Office and base or included CLEP, DSST and ship libraries to bone-up Excelsior exams. TA and

WATCH YOUR STEP

credit-by-examination made completing a degree a reality for me. You can't beat the flexibility and the convenience." sailors who are unsure of what direction they need to pursue to obtain a college degree can turn to the Sailor/Marine Online Academic Advisor (SMOLAA), a "virtual counseling" tool that has been added to the Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART). SMOLAA also displays and plots ratingrelevant degree programs offered through Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership institutions. This degreeshopping feature allows sailors and Marines to watch their SMART credits transfer into a degree program offered by 18 accredited colleges that have partnered with the Navy through distance learning.

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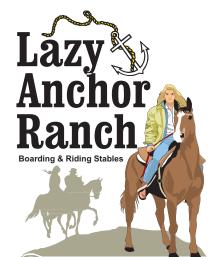
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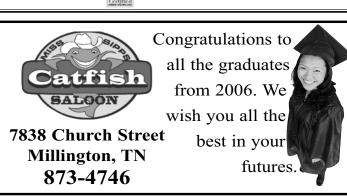
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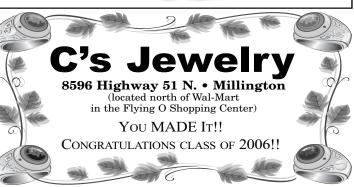


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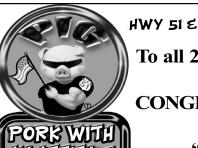
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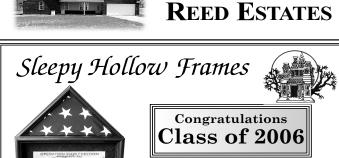
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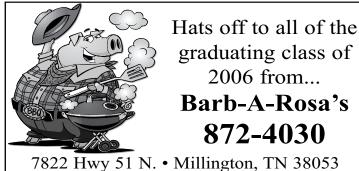


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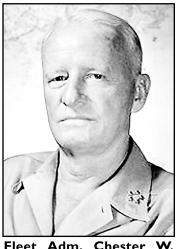
THE BATTLE OF MIDWAY REMEMBERED

By ART FRITH **MSA Mid-South Public Affairs**

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz once said, "The brave sailors who fought at Midway wrote a glorious page in our history." Sixtyfour years ago this coming Sunday, the Battle of Midway, long considered by most historians as the decisive naval battle of World War II in the Pacific, was fought.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, U.S., British Commonwealth and Dutch possessions in the Pacific and Southeast Asia became targets for the Japanese military. Prior to the Battle of Midway, Japanese forces had been on a sweeping offensive, capturing territory throughout Asia and the Pacific. Their intent was to capture the small, central Pacific atoll, use it as an advance base, thereby having a means to entrap and destroy the U.S. Pacific fleet. The seizure of Malaysia, Singapore, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines and various island groups in the central and western Pacific, was the first phase of these operations and essentially complete by March 1942. The second phase was designed to isolate and neutralize Australia and India. Meanwhile, as this was happening, American naval intelligence centers in Melbourne, Australia, Pearl Harbor, and Corregidor intercepted Japanese radio communications. Traffic analysis and code breaking uncovered the location of major Japanese fleet units and shore based air forces. This translation of messages, combined with the study of operational patterns at Melbourne and Pearl Harbor, enabled the prediction of future Japanese operations.

It became evident in early 1942 that Japan intended to expand its presence east of the Marshall Islands. Land-based air



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units and equipment began appearing in message traffic to and from the Marshall Islands and the Mandates. On Mar. 4, the designator "AF" began appearing in partially decoded messages. One week later, American cryptanalysts broke the Japanese Navy's general-purpose code, identifying "AF" as Midway Island.

Japan's commander-in-chief of the combined fleet, Adm. Isoruku Yamamoto, believed the capture of Midway Island would allow Japan to pursue its Asian policies behind an impregnable eastern shield of defenses in the central Pacific. If Yamamoto was successful, and with Midway under its control, Japan would have had an outpost that could provide plenty of advance warning of any future threat by the Americans. The Japanese Imperial General Headquarters issued "Navy Order No. 18" on May 5 directing Yamamoto, in cooperation with the Imperial Army, to carry out the occupation of Midway Island and key points in the western Aleutians.

On May 19, Cmdr. Joseph J.

Rochefort, the officer-in-charge of the intelligence processing center at Pearl Harbor, and Lt. Cmdr. Edwin T. Layton, the intelligence officer for the Pacific Fleet, identified Midway and Dutch Harbor, Aleutian Islands, as specific Japanese objectives. On May 22, following a radio deception operation, Melbourne completely confirmed that "AF" meant Midway. Rochefort also discovered the date cipher used in Japanese message traffic, examined previously intercepted messages, and predicted an attack on Midway on June 4. With this information, Nimitz and his staff began working on their plan to engage the Japanese navy at

USS Gudgeon (SS-211) was dispatched on a surface patrol northwest of Midway. The aircraft ferry USS Kitty Hawk (AKV-1) arrived at Midway with reinforcements for Marine Air Group Fletcher took over as the tactical command officer. Augmented by cruiser-launched floatplanes, three American carriers provided 234 aircraft afloat. The 110 fighters, bombers and patrol planes at Midway provided support for the carrier-based aircraft. Under the command of Rear Adm. Robert H. English, 25 fleet submarines also were deployed around Midway.

In the lead-up to the Battle of Midway on June 3, American land-based aircraft from Midway located and attacked Japanese transports about 600 miles west of the island. Based on information provided by patrol planes, Nimitz advised TF 16 and TF 17 a few minutes after midnight on On May 26, the submarine June 4 of the course and speed of the Japanese "main body," noting their distance of 574 miles from Midway. Shortly after dawn, a patrol plane spotted two Japanese carriers and their escorts about

damaged Hiryu in a strike later that afternoon. With his carrier strike force forced destroyed, Yamamoto was forced to abandon his Midway invasion plans.

The last air attacks of the battle took place on June 6 as divebombers from Enterprise and Hornet bombed and sank heavy cruiser Mikuma, and damaged destroyers Asashio and Arashio, as well as the cruiser Mogami. On June 6, a Japanese submarine torpedoed Yorktown the destroyer USS Hammann (DD-412), sinking the destroyer. The Japanese submarine managed to avoid being destroyed. However, Yorktown, suffering from numerous torpedo hits, rolled over and sank at dawn on June 7.

The U.S. Navy delivered a crushing defeat on the Japanese Navy at Midway. They lost the four large carriers, which six months earlier had taken part in the attack on Pearl Harbor, over one hundred trained pilots were



After sustaining irreparable damage from Japanese torpedoes and bombs at the Battle of Midway, USS Yorktown (CV-5) begins to list, forcing her crew to abandon her on June 4, 1942. (Official U.S. Navy photo)

(MAG) 22, a light tank platoon earmarked for a mobile reserve, and the 3d Defense Battalion, equipped with 3-inch antiaircraft

That same day, TF 16, under the command of Rear Adm. William F. "Bull" Halsey, which included USS Hornet (CV-8) and USS Enterprise (CV-6), returned to Pearl Harbor from the South Pacific and began preparations for the upcoming battle. Still suffering from damage sustained during the Battle of the Coral Sea, USS Yorktown (CV-5) returned the next day.

Under the command of Rear Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, TF 16 formed around Enterprise and Hornet, and got underway from Pearl Harbor on May 28 to take up a position northeast of Midway. Spruance replaced Halsey for this operation as Halsey was suffering from a painful attack of shingles.

Under the command of Rear Adm. Frank Jack Fletcher, TF 17 formed around the quickly repaired Yorktown and sailed from Pearl Harbor two days later to join up with TF 16 northeast of Midway. Now, with the two task forces joining up about 350 miles northeast of Midway on June 2, attack came on June 4 and took place when the four night-flying PBY "Catalinas" attacked the Japanese transports northwest of Midway, with one PBY torpedoing fleet tanker Akebono Maru.

Around 6:30 a.m., carrier bombers and Nakajima B5N torpedo planes, supported by numerous fighters, bombed Midway Island installations. The Japanese inflicted only slight damage to the Midway, thanks to Marine Corps pilots flying Brewster F2A "Buffalos" and Grumman F4F "Wildcat" fighters, who suffered significant losses, losing 17 of 26 in air-to-air combat. Aircraft from Enterprise and Yorktown bombed and fatally damaged the carriers Kaga and Akagi, while VB-3 "Dauntlesses" from Yorktown bombed and wrecked the carrier Soryu. USS Nautilus (SS-168) fired torpedoes at the burning Kaga, but her torpedoes failed to explode.

The one Japanese carrier that escaped destruction, Hiryu, launched dive-bombers that temporarily disabled Yorktown. Three and a half hours later, torpedo planes from the Hiryu struck a second blow, forcing Yorktown's abandonment. Aircraft from Enterprise mortally

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killed, and their offensive in the Pacific was scuttled. The Battle of Midway caused the balance of sea power in the Pacific to shift from a level of superiority by Japan to one of equity with the United States.

In a message to the fleet last week, Adm. Mike Mullen, chief of naval operations, said of the Battle of Midway, "It marked the point at which the Japanese Pacific offensive stopped and the Allied offensive began. This is a time to properly recognize this larger purpose and to honor the sacrifices and heroism of those three fateful days that we must pause and reflect." Mullen concluded his message by saying, "Please take time this year to honor them and that extraordinary history. Remember the Battle of Midway."

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Home Owner's Insurance

There are many myths about the law and lawsuits. There is none more common than the belief that if someone is injured on your property then you are automatically liable. This is NOT true. This has never

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Examples of cases follow that illustrate conduct that either would or would not create liability. Can you guess what the outcome would be? (Answers follow at the end of the article).

1. While Mr. Homeowner was showing Ms. Guest his new gun, it fired into the ground and caused shrapnel to fly into Ms. Guest's eye causing her to be partially blind.

2. While Mr. Homeowner was at work, Ms. Guest dropped off some mail that was mis-delivered to her address. She fell on his driveway and broke her knee cap. She was unable to say what made her fall and figured she was just clumsy.

3. While Mr. Homeowner was having Ms. Guest over for dinner, he spilled scalding soup in her lap causing her to have third degree burns and need two surgeries.

4.Mr. Homeowner was mowing his grass, and the blade he had just removed, sharpened and reinstalled flew into Ms. Guest's car as she drove by, cutting off her ear.

5.Ms. Guest came to visit and was attacked by Mr. Homeowner's pit bull, who was in the front yard and had just been returned from tests for rabies following his attack on two neighborhood kids the week

6.Ms. Guest's car suddenly caught fire while in the driveway of Mr. Homeowner, and caused her serious burns as she tried to put it out. ANSWERS: In questions 1, 3, 4, and 5, Mr. Homeowner is not only morally responsible for these injuries, but legally negligent under these facts. His homeowner's insurance should take care of these if a claim is made by Ms. Guest. He had a duty not to carelessly handle the gun, not to spill hot soup, a duty to bolt on his mower blade tightly, and to restrain and warn of animals known to be vicious by their prior aggressive behavior. He had nothing to do with causing to the injuries in 2 and 6. Case number 1 was actually a case I handled, and we settled that matter for \$850,000.00 without going to court.

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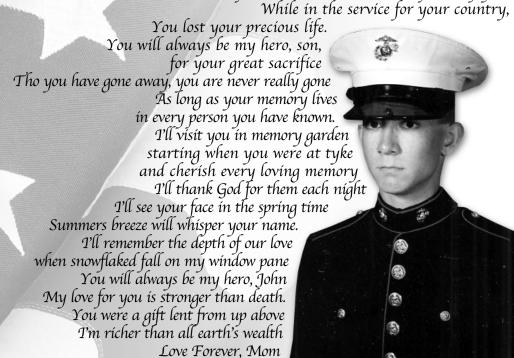


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